FIRST WORK BEGUN

Street Fair Committees Start at Building.

PAVILION SIXTH AND WASHINGTON

Great Arch of Main Entrance Sixth and Morrison—Accommodation Committee Chosen.

Practical work of planning the Portland Street Fair and Carnival was begun yesterday at a conference of the general executive committee and the chairmen of the various subcommittees. Architects have been working all week on the plans for booths and pavilions, and these were submitted with drawings and estimates of cost, which gave at a glance an idea of the character of the carnival and the varied scene that Sixth street will present when all these buildings are erected and the carnival open and in full swing. It was determined at the meeting that all the buildings should be up and in readiness for occupancy by August 20, so that exhibitors will have an opportunity to arrange their booths in time for the fair to open up in a finished manner without the usual hurry-skurry of getting exhibits in place and finishing touches on buildings. When the Portland fair is advertised to open on a certain day, it will open, and every attraction will be on hand and going in full blast.

Over Washington street, at the corner of Sixth, a beautiful pavilion will be erected, that will tower over the adjoining buildings and present an imposing spectacle looking up or down Washington street. Underneath the pavilion there will be a large tunnel for the Washington-street cars, and passageways for pedestrians and vehicles. Here also will there be an entrance to the fair, and on the second-story, the main floor of the building, open at the sides, the roof supported by pillars, with a view over the fair up or down Sixth street, or outside of the limits in either direction on Washington street. The building is as wide as the street, and will extend up and down Sixth street, with the center in Washington. A bandstand will be raised in the middle of the main floor, and in the evening, when illuminated with thousands of lights, it is bound to be a popular place for those who love to listen to band music, while sitting comfortably in an open pavilion, from which a view of the entire fair can be obtained.

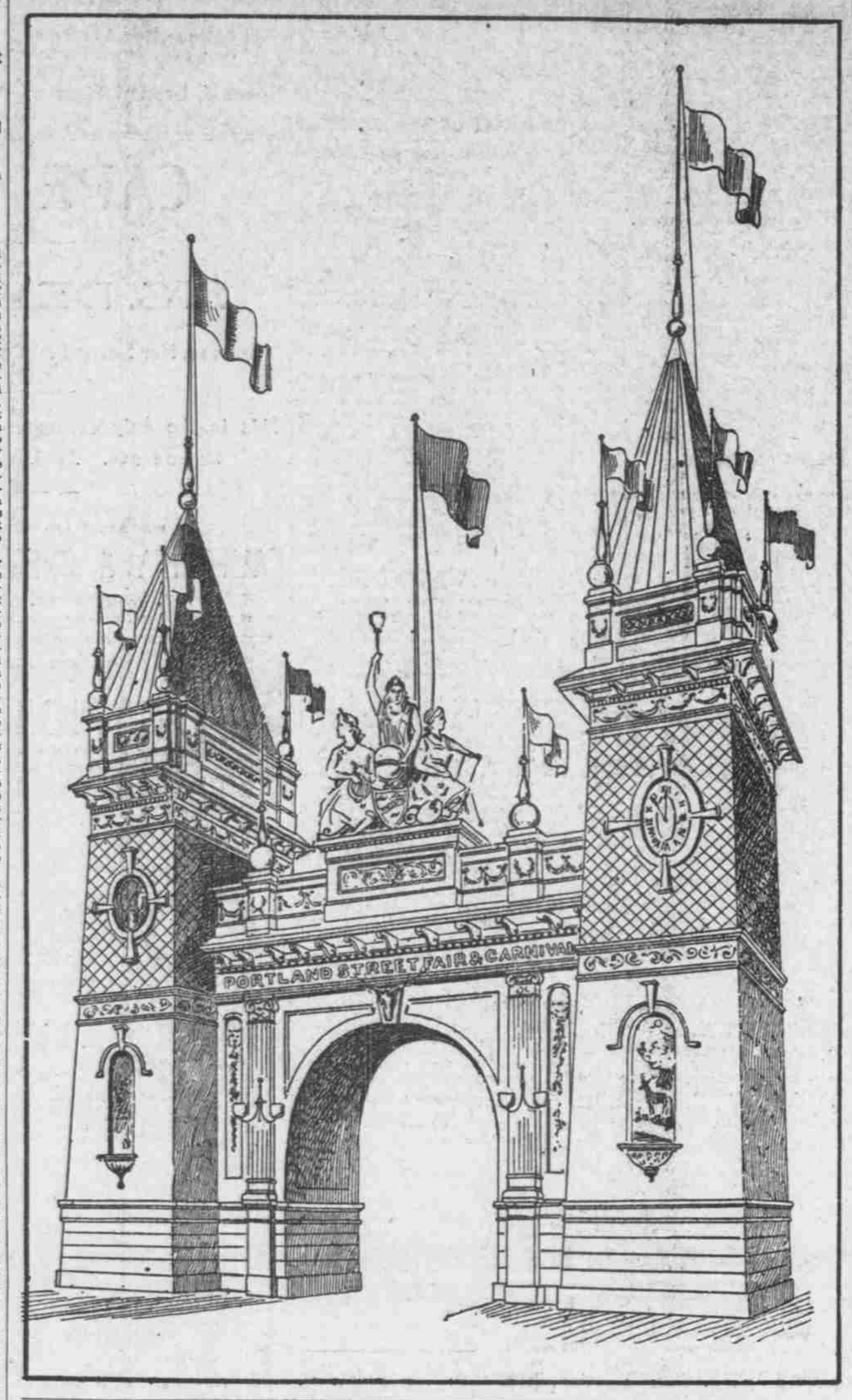
The main entrance will be on Morrison street, and spanning the street will be a magnificent arch designed by Architect Delos D. Neer. The style is composite, and over the main arch are seen emblematical figures, representing Music, Science and Art. On each side rise high towers, making the whole an imposing structure, and giving ample opportunity for flagstaffs on which to display the carnival colors.

Plans for the grain palace and the woman's building are being completed, and both structures will be beautiful and striking as works of architecture. Applications for booth space are coming in rapidly, and in many cases are accompanied by designs and drawings showing the care and thought being given to their planning.

Arrangements have been made to have a bureau of information on the grounds during the fair. At present all inquiries from those wishing accommodations during the fair should be addressed to the "Accommodation Committee, Imperial Hotel Building." Those who will have furnished rooms to let from September 4 to 15 are requested to list them with the accommodation committee as early as possible, stating number of rooms, location, single or en suite, price with or without board; also distance from car lines and what car to take in order to reach them. The accommodation committee is composed of H. C. Bowers, director, Hotel Portland; Phil Metschan, Imperial Hotel; Dr. J. D. Fenton, Oregonian building; T. I. Richards, Sixth and Alder streets; J. P. Finley, Third and Jefferson streets.

A large number of visitors are expected during the carnival weeks, and every effort will be made to arrange for their comfortable housing, if applications are sent in to the committee.

ARCH AT SIXTH AND MORRISON STREETS FOR MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE STREET FAIR



REFUNDED ADDED PER CENTS

County Has Paid Back Over $13,000 Illegally Collected.

Multnomah County has refunded $13,292 on account of extra per cents added to certain taxes for the years 1894, 1895 and 1896 by Judge Northup as County Judge. The collection of taxes was away behind because of hard times and other reasons, and instead of advertising and selling the delinquent property immediately after delinquency, as the law permits, Judge Northup adopted the plan of extending the period for payment and added 1 per cent as interest, and then 2 per cent, and so on as the time ran on, to pay the expense of clerk hire occasioned by keeping the tax roll open. He pursued this course for several years, being of the opinion that taxpayers who were behind and had difficulty in obtaining money for taxes would approve of the leniency shown rather than to be sold out in a summary manner.

Most of the delinquents did seem to be satisfied, paying their taxes as soon as convenient, and paying the per cents without protest. The extra moneys received evened up things for the county, and the scheme was thought to have been a success, until the Oregon Real Estate Company contested the matter, and the Supreme Court decided that the charging of these per cents was illegal under a strict construction of the tax law.

Then lawyers and brokers on the lookout for a speculation searched the tax rolls and obtained the names of those who paid these charges and bought up the claims for probably about 50 cents on the dollar. As the county has refunded nearly $14,000, they make it pay. Those engaged in the speculation were U. S. G. Marquam, Nixon & Dolph, Abe Tichner and D. L. McLeod. Some taxpayers collected the money themselves, but the speculators collected the large majority of the claims.

The county also paid back to U. S. G. Marquam $2800 Sheriff's fees collected between July, 1894, and February, 1895, under the 1893 law. The Supreme Court held that these fees were illegally exacted, as under the act no Sheriff's fees were entitled to be collected.

Sheriff's fees collected under 1895 law had to be refunded by the county some time ago, and Mr. Marquam figured more or less in these cases.

BIG SHIPMENT OF BEER.

Milwaukee Brewer Sends Goods to Manila via Portland.

When the steamer Braemar sails today for the Orient she will carry 16 carloads of Milwaukee beer, the shipment of which by the way of Portland marks a new era in the commerce of this port, and emphasizes the fact that Eastern shippers are beginning to realize the importance of Portland as a shipping point for Hong Kong and Asiatic points.

The shipment came over the O. R. & N., and is routed to Manila via Hong Kong. Nine carloads came by way of the Oregon Short Line, and seven by way of the Northern Pacific, the latter coming from Wallula over the O. R. & N. This is part of a 67-carload order, and is a repetition of a similar large order made in September, 1898. More would have come to Portland if the space could have been secured.

There are 1975 barrels of bottled beer in this shipment, making 142,200 quart bottles, the largest shipment of beer ever made out of Portland, and the first Eastern beer routed through this city for the Orient.

Julius Silvestone, representative in Portland of the Milwaukee brewer who made the shipment, secured the routing of the beer through Portland, and intends to use every effort in the future to secure for this city the recognition it deserves from Eastern shippers.

MUSIC AT CHAUTAUQUA.

Excellent Work of Soloists and Choruses.

The Chautauqua Society, which has been in session at Gladstone Park for the past two weeks, deserves special commendation for the excellence of the musical programmes furnished for the evening entertainment, and neither expense nor pains has been spared in this particular branch, and the excellent results fully sustain the society in its outlay. During the past week, especially Wednesday and Friday evenings, the music has been of a really high order. Last night the programme was more varied in quality, and was a fitting close to a most successful season. Friday evening's concert appears to have been the most meritorious of the series. Three soloists, all artistic and pleasing, in Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer, Miss May Dearborne and Professor Glen, a string quartet and a cantata, "Fair Ellen," formed a combination that attracted several large trolley parties from Portland and Oregon City to the Park.

The opening number was Gounod's "Sanctus," with Miss Dearborne as soloist, and the combination choir from Taylor-Street Methodist Episcopal Church, of this city, Oregon City's Philharmonic Society, and the Chautauqua Chorus. Although the solo is really intended for a tenor voice, Miss Dearborne's clear, pretty voice was a pleasing innovation. The chorus work was solid and full. The string quartet rendered two numbers, the first being movements from Beethoven, the latter an exquisite movement by Schubert. Professor Camp's elocution selections were most happy, his "Afterwhiles," by James Whitcomb Riley, being particularly well rendered.

Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer and Professor Glen were heard to good advantage in the solo work of the cantata, "Fair Ellen." The story of the cantata dates back to the time of the Scottish Chieftains' chivalric work during the Covenanters' War. The opening solo, written for the baritone, tells the story of the hopeless condition of the besieged city. Professor Glen received hearty applause for his rendition of this pathetic solo. Mrs. Bauer's solo, the encouragement by the heroic Ellen to hold the city, even in the face of such adversities; the representation by the orchestra of the far-off bagpipes, and the approaching strains of "The Campbells Are Coming," stirred the large audience for the excellent climax of the closing chorus, a most soul-stirring concerted number. Mrs. Bauer was in excellent voice, and well deserved the marked recognition which her beautiful voice received.

Longshoreman Arrested.

Tom Nice, a longshoreman, living at Sixth and Davis streets, was arrested last evening by Patrolman Carpenter for disorderly conduct. Nice was drunk and using abusive language toward a crowd collected at Sixth and Davis, and it was reported that he had, an hour or two previously, beaten his wife severely and broken her arm.

NEW CROP HAVANA TOBACCO

An Item of Interest to Smokers of Genuine Havana Cigars.

A few weeks ago the following item appeared in "Tobacco," the official paper of the cigar and tobacco trade, published at New York, from their Tampa (Fla.) correspondent:

"Bustillo Bros. & Diaz, manufacturers of the 'Henry the Fourth' cigar, have secured the noted Cuban packings of Cano Bros., amounting to over 600 bales of fine leaf, at a cost of over $50,000. This packing is always largely sought for by Havana factories, and B. B. & D. were extremely fortunate in securing it."

And in the issue of July 2 of the same paper appears the following:

"Importations of leaf tobacco for the week, as shown by the Custom-House record, were:

	Bales.
Bustillo Bros. & Diaz	235
A. B. Ballard & Co.	73
Cuban-American Co.	60
P. Carcaba & Son	35
F. Garcia & Bro.	30
S. Ottenberg & Bro.	25
Monroe Cigar Co.	24
Salvador Rodriguez	15
El Arte Co.	14
Total	510
Previously reported	9026
Total to date	9536

"Still larger importations of leaf are in prospect."

In reference to above, a letter just received by Allen & Lewis, distributors of "Henry the Fourth" cigars for Oregon, Washington and Idaho, says:

"We have bought 600 bales of Esconfido tobacco, which is grown in Trininbadero district, and which for years and years has been purchased by the 'Commercial' and 'Intimidad' factories—and which for its luster and beautiful appearance is celebrated all over the world.

"You can rest assured there is no factory that will be able to turn out as good goods as we will this year, and with such prospects we can both look forward to a large increase in sales of 'Henry the Fourth.'"

IN THE SEVERAL COURTS.

Judge Sears Will Decide Bicycle Tax Case Tomorrow.

Judge Sears will announce a decision Monday morning in the case of Ellis vs. Frazier, Sheriff, demurrer to complaint. This is the bicycle tax suit.

Divorce Suits.

Louisa A. Versteeg has sued J. A. Versteeg for a divorce in the State Circuit Court, and she also asks permission to resume her maiden name, Brown. She states in her complaint that she was married to the defendant February 1, 1898, and that he deserted her August 3, 1898, and since that time has refused to live with her.

A. L. Speake has filed suit against Gertrude A. Speake for a divorce, on the ground of desertion. They were married in Multnomah County in January, 1887, and have three children.

Probate Court.

The inventory and appraisement of the estate of Buell Lamberson, deceased, was filed. The property is valued at $36,265. There is $7561 cash, and real property appraised at $2100. The personal estate is valued at $26,805. A stock of goods is valued at $12,000, and accounts at $13,500.

J. C. Logan was appointed administrator of the estate of Anderson Ragsdale, valued at $300, on the petition of Paul Cromwell and William Strathlman, creditors of the deceased.

To Foreclose Mortgage.

The Merchants National Bank has filed suit in the State Circuit Court against W. S. Newberry et al. to foreclose a mortgage for $2400 on lots 5 and 6, block 239, Holladay's addition, executed to the Investors Mortgage Security Company, and assigned to the plaintiff. There is also $2138 due to the bank.

LEAVES FOR JOHANNESBURG

W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City, Goes to Settle His Brother's Estate.

Tomorrow night, W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City, will leave Portland for a trip to Johannesburg, South African Republic. He will go via New York and Southampton and expects to return in December.

Mr. U'Ren goes to Africa to settle the estate of his brother, T. A. U'Ren, who died there last week. This brother had been engaged in the mercantile business in Johannesburg for about five years, his associates being his father, W. R. U'Ren, of Gladstone, near Oregon City; C. M. Elkins, of Prineville, and Mark E. Carey, formerly of Prineville, but now in England. All were formerly in business together in Prineville and concluded to transfer their interests to the Transvaal metropolis, where the establishment thrived. On the breaking out of hostilities last Fall, Mr. U'Ren left Johannesburg, supposing that business would be killed, and that his life would be imperiled by remaining there. He returned in February and was surprised to find that there had been no great interruption to business and that he would have done well to remain.

Death of Robert E. Crawford.

T. H. Crawford, of the Agricultural College at Corvallis, came to Portland yesterday morning on a visit. Soon after reaching Portland, a telegram from the Presidio, San Francisco, was received by him, announcing the death yesterday morning of his only brother, Robert E. Crawford. He went to Manila last January, in the service of the Government, and was on his way home on account if ill health contracted there. On reaching the Presidio his disease evidently assumed a much worse turn. He was 34 years and 7 months of age. He left a son in the service of the Government, and a daughter living at Vancouver. Besides these there are two sisters and one brother. The former are Mrs. Fred Smith, of Portland, and Mrs. M. C. Starr, of Monroe. The surviving brother is T. H. Crawford, of Corvallis. The body will be sent to Brownsville for interment in the family lot by the side of his father and mother.

225 FEET OF SOLID COMFORT

An electric lighted hotel—breakfast and lunch, a la carte, with a table d'hote dinner, $1. Commodiously and elegantly furnished sleeping-rooms, illuminated by electricity and provided with shaded electric reading lights. An annex 10 feet wide and 70 feet long furnished for our guests—a ladies' parlor, beautifully furnished, and provided with an up-to-date library, and all the latest magazines and periodicals. For the gentlemen a modern barber shop, smoking, card rooms, etc. Electric fans, porcelain bath tubs, convenient toilet rooms, perfect ventilation—all found on the Northern Pacific's crack train, the "North Coast Limited." This train runs daily and you can travel on it without extra charge.

LOOKING FOR A COOL PLACE?

Then take the O. R. & N. special train from Union depot at 9:30 A. M. Sunday and go to Bonneville. Special low rate of 50 cents for the round trip. Refreshments to be had on the grounds, or take a basket lunch with you, and escape the heat of the city. Cool groves, magnificent scenery, good music, first-class performance, all free. Remember the time, 9:30 A. M. Sunday, Union depot.